

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. The claims are in the format as required by 35 C.F.R. § 1.121.

1-48 Cancelled

49. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating data into a content management system, comprising:

generating a set of content types ~~based on~~ representing a set of data, wherein one or content types comprises a policy annotation, the policy annotation comprising management information including a workflow corresponding to the content type;

saving the set of content types in a memory;

generating a set of content type objects corresponding to the set of content types;

generating a content instance object for each datum that fits a content type within the set of content types;

associating the datum with the content instance object; and

saving the content instance object in a memory.

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51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~50~~49, wherein generating the set of content types comprises specifying attributes associated with the content type.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~50~~49, comprising, for each of the set of content types, analyzing the data to obtain a first set of the data corresponding to the content type.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, comprising analyzing the data to generate a set of keys associated with the data.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, comprising generating values for the set of keys for each of the content instance objects and associating the values with the content instance object.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the values are acquired by querying the content repository.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein each of the set of content type objects is a structured definition of the corresponding content type.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein each of the content type objects is an XML document.

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 56, wherein each of the set of content types have associated ~~workflows~~, access controls or policies

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, comprising managing the set of data using the workflows, access control or policies associated with each of the set of content types.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the content instance objects are stored at a location remote from the content repository.

61. (New) A method for integrating data into a content management system, comprising:  
    generating a set of content types representing a set of data;  
    saving the set of content types in a memory;  
    generating a set of content type objects corresponding to the set of content types;  
    generating a content instance object for each datum that fits a content type within the set of content types;  
    associating the datum with the content instance object,; and  
    saving the content instance object in a memory wherein at least one content instance object refers to a plurality of datum, the plurality of datum residing in at least two

distinct data storages and managed in conjunction with one another using the content instance object; and

sharing the datum between a plurality of sites using the content instance object.

62. (New) A method for integrating data into a content management system, comprising:

inspecting a set of data to generate a set of content types representing the set of data;

generating a set of content type objects corresponding to the set of content types;

generating a set of content instance object from the content type objects;

associating each of the set of data with at least one of the content instance object, wherein at least one of the content instance objects is associated with two or more datum of the set of data, each of the datum residing in a distinct data storage; and

managing the set of data using the content instance objects, wherein the two or more datum are managed as a single entity using the at least one content instance object.

63. (New) A method for integrating data into a content management system, comprising:

inspecting a set of data to generate a set of content types representing the set of data, wherein at least one of the content types has an associated policy;

generating a set of content type objects corresponding to the set of content types;

generating a set of content instance object from the content type objects;

associating each of the set of data with at least one of the content instance object, wherein for each of the content instance objects generated from the at least one of the content types with an associated policy the associated datum is managed according to the policy.

64. (New) The method according to claim 63, where the policy dictates how the datum is to be deployed.